(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) Various amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 are proposed based on the requirements of the social partners and in consonance with economic reforms. A cautious policy is adopted to bring about any amendments in the Industrial Disputes Act after taking into consideration all the relevant factors.

Indian Labour Conference

4196. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :

SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 36th session of the Indian Labour Conference was held in Delhi on 15th and 16th April, this year; and

(b) if so, the details of the subjects discussed and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) The 36th Session of the Indian Labour Conference was held on 14th and 15th April, 2000.

(b) The Conference considered and discussed agenda items relating to industrial sickness, workers' participation in industry and workers' education. As an effort to revive and restructure public sector enterprises, the Conference recommended setting up of a separate restructuring fund and constitution of a fully empowered Restructing Commission. The Conference accepted the Principle of participation of workers in industry for the benefit of social partners and government. It also recommended institution of a National Revolving Fund for labour education and setting up of Labour Academies by State Govts. to provide quality education to the children of workers.

Welfare Schemes for Beedi Workers

4197. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Central Schemes under which welfare of Beedi Workers are being ensured in the rural areas, and achievements made so far;

(b) whether Jajpur and Cuttack Districts of Orissa have a large number of Beedi Workers and no welfare activities including medical facilities are not being provided to them; and

(c) the steps Government proposed to take in this regard in the above two districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Government is implementing various welfare schemes in the fields of Health, Housing, Social Security, Education and Recreation under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976 for the benefit of beedi workers and their dependants. A list of such schemes is attached at Statement-I. (*See* below), Statement-II is indicating the physical and financial achievements under the above schemes during the year 1999-2000 (*See* below).

(b) and (c) There are more than 26,700 identified beedi workers in the Jajpur and Cuttack Districts of Orissa. All the welfare schemes being implemented by the Government under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, in the country are equally applicable to the beedi workers of Jajpur and Cuttack Districts of Orissa.

STATEMENT-I

List of Welfare Schemes for Beedi Workers

A. HEALTH

1. Static-cum-Mobile/Static Allopathic and Static Ayurvedic Dispensaries.
2. Scheme for Reservation of Beds in T. B. Hospitals.
3. Scheme for Domiciliary Treatment of beedi workers suffering from T.B.
4. Scheme for Treatment of Beedi Workers suffering from Cancer.
5. Scheme for Treatment of Beedi Workers suffering from Mental Diseases.
6. Scheme for Treatment of Beedi Workers (including Gharkhata Workers) suffering from Leprosy.
7. Grant of Financial Assistance to Beedi Workers for purchase of Spectacles.
8. Maternity Benefit Scheme for Female Beedi Workers.
9. Scheme for payment of Monetary Compensation for Sterilisation to Beedi Workers.
10. Re-imbursement of expenditure as financial assistance to Beedi Workers in respect of Heart Diseases.
11. Re-imbursement of expenditure as financial assistance to Beedi Workers in respect of Kidney Transplantation.

B. SOCIAL SECURITY :

1. Group Insurance Scheme.

C. HOUSING :

1. Integrated Housing Scheme (introduced after merging Build Your Own House Scheme, Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Section and Group Housing Scheme).

2. Grant of subsidy to Co-operative Societies of Beedi Industry for construction of worksheds and godowns.

D. EDUCATION :

1. Award of Scholarship to the Children of Beedi Workers (including Gharkhata Beedi Workers).

2. Composite Scheme for Financial Assistance to the School going children of Beedi workers for supply of one set of dress, slates, note books and text books.

3. Payment of incentives on passing final University/Board examinations from High School onwards.

4. Scheme to provide incentive/financial assistance of Re. 1/- to female children of Beedi Workers, on the basis of attendance in schools.

E. RECREATION :

1. Establishment of Audio-Visual Sets/Cinema Vans/Exhibition of Films.

2. Organising sports, games, social and cultural activities for Beedi Workers.

3. Holiday Home Scheme for Beedi Workers.

4. Supply of T.V. Sets to the Beedi Workers Industrial Co-operative Societies.

5. Establishment of Community Hall in Beedi Workers Housing Colony with colour T.V. Set.

STATEMENT-II

Physical and Financial Achievements under Beedi Workers Welfare Fund During 1999-2000

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	Total Physical	Financial (Rs. in '000)
A. HEALTH			
1.	Workers covered under Group Insurance Scheme	1958599	6447
2.	Death Cases Settled	1669	5007
3.	Accident cases Settled	19	475
4.	Patients treated in dispensaries/hospital	3192425	55784
5.	Bed Occupation in TB Hospitals	28102	9829
6.	Domiciliary treatment of TB Patient	810	1516
7.	Treatment of Worker for Cancer	42	295
8.	Treatment of mental disease	4	10
9.	Purchase of spectacles	678	81
10.	Leprosy Relief	120	42
11.	Maternity Benefit Scheme	3818	1334
12.	Add monitoring compensation for sterilization	193	33
13.	Hospital equipment	2	20
14.	Treatment of Heart Disease	10	66
B. EDUCATION			
15.	Grant of Scholarship to Children	228300	92201
16.	Supply of one set of uniform/text book	67269	12478
17.	Attendance incentive	87621	17730

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	Total Physical	Financial (Rs. in '000)
C. RECREATION			
18.	Organisation of social sports activities	10	33
19.	Exhibition of films	53	13
20.	Workers visiting Holiday home	3337	1170
E. HOUSING			
21.	BYOHS (Sub.)	3988	44734
22.	BYOHS (Loan)	1167	6185
23.	Housing for economically weaker section	2795	14391
24.	Construction of Godown/workshed	1	75

Countrywide strike Against Anti-Workers Policy

4198. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a call for country-wide strike for 11th May, 2000 has been given to protest "anti-workers" policies and programmes of the World Trade Organisation;

(b) the Government's views in regard to the impact of liberalisation on the rights and interest of labour; and

(c) the measures taken to persuade trade unions to call off the proposed strike in view of misinformation spread with regard to liberalisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has emphasised that the worker's unions should be consulted/taken into confidence while formulating policies that may have an impact on rights and interest of workers as a result of liberalisation.

(c) The Government has initiated action to avert the proposed strike through conciliation.

Manisana Wage Board

4199. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :